

# The RAYMOND RECORDER HISTORY OF RAYMOND

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By ELIZABETH KING

We are back on the job of writing the History of Raymond after spending about four weeks away from home visiting with our daughters LaVonne (Mrs. Niles Wing) of American Forks and Nedra (Mrs. W. F. Mullett) of Cedar City, Utah, my aged mother 85, Mrs. Lucy Knight Eames of Salt Lake. Also friends and relatives and friends in Ogden, Provo, and Almo Idaho—the home of our childhood days.

We, my husband and I had, the pleasure of spending a very enjoyable day with old time friends and early Raymond pioneers. Our dear friends Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Holbrook of Salt Lake called for us about 8 a.m. and took us in their car to Provo and to the beautiful new home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Knight which is built at the mouth of Provo canyon overlooking the valley.

As we stood there looking through the beautiful plate glass window we saw the green fertile valley below with the Great Salt Lake shimmering in the distance. We remarked it was like a wonderful painting in a lovely frame only more beautiful as it was alive and real.

At one time when Lottie (Mrs. Ray Knight) was visiting in this new modern home she said to Mr. Knight, "Will, why didn't you have the front face the mountains to the east?" Mr. Knight replied, "Well, Lottie, I wanted it built this way so I could look out through this window and in the far distance see the mountains of Eureka where my father was impressed to dig into the mines for riches which later came in his possession and where my father tried so hard to impress his children that the money we should get should be used wisely and well, for the purpose of doing good and for the building up of the church."

And thus we still feel the influence of this good man "Uncle Jesse" Knight who made Raymond possible in 1901—47 years ago.

Going back to our happy visit

Former Raymond residents they are known to many here. While here they will be guests of Mr. Penn's sister Mrs. Emma Webster.



with these good people of the early days of Raymond—J. W. Knight Raymond's first bishop, Jennie B. Knight, the first president of the Y. L.M.I.A. L. H. Holbrook the first Sunday School superintendent and his wife Alsina, the first ward president of the Y.L.M.I.A. and "Wash" Brimhall, a brother of Jennie and Alsina and who also played an important part in the establishment of the town of Raymond—We talked of pioneer days and looked at photographs of those early beginnings. A fire was kindled in the fire place and on glancing through the living room and through the hall we could see the reflection of the cozy fire in a full length mirror which added warmth and comfort to the already friendly atmosphere.

After partaking of a delicious dinner cooked and served by Mrs. Knight and her sister we wended our way back through Provo, stopping at the new brick home of Niles and LaVonne (which was almost ready for occupation) and feeling that we had spent a very happy enjoyable day.

Our only disappointment on our trip as a whole was that we were unable to complete our planned trip to Seattle to see our son Louis his wife LaPriol and new daughter Sandra Lou, also our daughter Stella and family but our disappointment is nothing compared to the homeless in the flood stricken area of the Columbia River.

Our last instalment was of the Palmer family and was kindly submitted by Florelle Palmer in May. We were ready to close the history of the 1902 pioneers when friends urged I write something pertaining to our own experiences. I therefore humbly submit the following.

## RAYMOND'S FIRST M.I.A. MISSIONARIES

In the late summer of 1901 the L. D.S. Church under president Lorenzo Snow called 42 young men to go on as M.I.A. missionaries to different parts of Canada and Utah. We find in this group two elders who later made Raymond their home W.G. Meeks and Louis D. King. We also find in this group a William Payne of Mountain View formerly of Millard Co., Utah and who later helped in the beautifying of the Cardston Temple grounds. Elder Payne was Elder Meek's missionary companion and together they labored in Beaver City, Utah.

W. G. Meeks or "Will" as he was best known was born in Pine Valley near St. George but later moved to Dicknell Wayne County, Utah from which place he was called on this mission. Mr. Meeks came to Canada in 1902 with a large herd of cattle but did not remain.

In 1903 he moved to Raymond with his family where he and his brother James have played an important part in the large enterprises entered into in Raymond and district. More will be written of the Meeks family at a later date.

A large photograph of these 42 missionaries was taken in Salt Lake before their departure for their fields of labor. Mrs. Will Meeks, (Mae) and Louis D. King each have one of these group photographs among their treasured possessions. Elder Thomas Burton from Utah was Elder King's M.I.A. missionary companion and their field of labor was Alberta Canada. It is said they were the first missionaries sent to the Alberta State which was the only State in Canada at that time.

Elder King was born in Collingston, Utah, later moving to Salt Lake where Governor Emery of Utah, asked his father Thomas O. King to go out to Idaho and take charge of a large ranch there called the Raft River ranch. This was in the late

70's. In 1880 he moved to Almo, Id. with his family and it was from this home that Louis was called on this M.I.A. mission. At this time Louis and I were engaged to be married but undaunted, we talked things over, and decided to get married and go to Canada together.

After preparations were made and good byes were said we took the train for Salt Lake City where we were married in the Salt Lake Temple by John R. Winder, October 2, 1901—the day before the death of the L.D.S. church president Lorenzo Snow. After the 42 elders were set apart for their missions and after visiting friends and relatives for a few days we left for Ogden where we stopped at the home of George W. Larkin of the Larkin Funeral Homes in Salt Lake, Ogden and California. George W. Larkin was a Patriarch and a close friend of Thomas King Sr. Before our departure for Canada Patriarch Larkin said he would like to give the newly-weds a blessing which he did and which was a source of comfort and encouragement later on.

It was on October 16, 1901 that Elders Burton, King and myself boarded the train for what seemed for away Canada. When we arrived at Great Falls we travelled from there to Stirling on the "narrow gauge" where we were met by Elder King's brother Thomas O. King Jr. of Kimball, Alta.

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place as agent here for the Telephone office.

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- 5 GRAHAM MOTORS - JULY 17 and 18
- 6 MELCHIN MOTORS - JULY 24 and 25
- 7 SUGAR CITY MOTORS - JULY 31 and AUGUST 1
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